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OCEAN BEACH OFFENDER JAILED AND ORDERED TO STAY AWAY FROM OCEAN BEACH COMMUNITY

San Diego, CA: Ronald Kilgore, a dangerous and chronic criminal offender is now behind bars and, upon his release, has been ordered to stay away from the entire Ocean Beach community as a condition of his three-year probation. Kilgore has a significant criminal history that has plagued the Ocean Beach community for years. He pled guilty to vandalism, possession of marijuana, resisting arrest, and criminal threats against two police officers. Kilgore will remain in jail for a year and undergo a mandatory psychiatric and substance abuse counseling program.

"This is a significant sentence for a misdemeanor offense with an enormous positive impact for the Ocean Beach community," said City Attorney Michael Aguirre. "It is an example of the results that can be achieved by aggressive misdemeanor prosecution in partnership with the Police Department, City Attorney's Office, and the community."

The Ocean Beach community worked closely with the San Diego Police Department's Western Division, the Police Department's Graffiti Strike Force, and the City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecution Unit. According to Claudia Jack, a resident and a business owner in Ocean Beach and one of the community organizers of today's news conference, the community wanted the public to know that they, too, can make a difference in making their neighborhoods safer.

Kilgore was prosecuted by the City Attorney's Neigborhood Prosecution Unit. According to Deputy City Attorney Regan Savalla, the defendant threatened the lives of two officers. He swore at them repeatedly, and threatened to break their necks with his bare hands and use a gun to kill them.

"While we have used stay away orders in the past to keep defendants from returning to particular locations, this stay away order was granted to keep the defendant, Mr. Kilgore, from returning to any part of Ocean Beach, said Deputy City Attorney Savalla. "The court carefully weighed the impact of such an order, and decided that because this defendant had harassed multiple residents and business owners in Ocean Beach repeatedly, that he would continue that behavior if not ordered to stay away."

After Kilgore's release, he will be closely monitored by the County Probation Department. A violation of his probation would likely send him back to jail.

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